



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING DISPARITIES IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2020, any state agency, board or commission that directly, or by
3 contract with another entity, collects demographic data concerning the
4 ancestry or ethnic origin, ethnicity, race or primary language of
5 residents of the state in the context of health care or for the provision
6 or receipt of health care services or for any public health purpose shall:
- 7 (1) Collect such data in a uniform manner that allows for
8 aggregation and disaggregation of data across agencies, boards and
9 commissions;
- 10 (2) Expand race and ethnic categories of Asian, African-American,
11 Hispanic, regardless of race, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific
12 islander to include subgroup identities present in the state;
- 13 (3) Provide the option to individuals of selecting one or more ethnic

14 or racial designations;

15 (4) Ensure in cases where data concerning an individual's ethnic
16 origin, ethnicity or race is reported to any other state agency, board or
17 commission that such data is neither tabulated nor reported without
18 all of the following information:

19 (A) The number or percentage of individuals who identify with
20 each ethnic or racial designation as their sole ethnic or racial
21 designation and not in combination with any other ethnic or racial
22 designation;

23 (B) The number or percentage of individuals who identify with each
24 ethnic or racial designation, whether as their sole ethnic or racial
25 designation or in combination with other ethnic or racial designations;
26 and

27 (C) The number or percentage of individuals who identify with
28 multiple ethnic or racial designations.

29 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any state
30 agency, board or commission that collects demographic data from a
31 local agency may continue to collect and report such data to any other
32 state agency, board or commission in the form in which the local
33 agency submits such data.

34 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any state
35 agency, board or commission that collects ethnic or racial data solely to
36 comply with federal requirements may continue to collect and report
37 such data to any other state agency, board or commission in the form
38 required by the federal government.

39 (d) On or before July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, each state
40 agency, board or commission that collects demographic data pursuant
41 to this section shall report such data to the federal Office of Personnel
42 Management.

43 (e) No state agency, board or commission shall report demographic

44 data under this section in a manner that would permit identification of
 45 any individuals. A state agency, board or commission may aggregate
 46 data categories at a state, county, city, census tract or zip code level to
 47 prevent the identification of any individuals.

48 (f) On or before January 1, 2019, any agency, board or commission
 49 described in subsection (a) of this section shall develop a plan to
 50 implement the provisions of this section. Each such agency, board and
 51 commission shall report, in accordance with provisions of section 11-4a
 52 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
 53 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health
 54 regarding such plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish uniform procedures for state agencies, boards and commissions that collect and share demographic data to reduce disparities in the health care system.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]